

# HOME NEWS

LOCK KEE, of Marlinton, started his sheep for the depot last Friday.

A MATCH GAME OF FOOTBALL will be played between Buckeye and Mill Point, next Saturday afternoon at Buckeye.

THE meetings conducted at Mary's Chapel by Evangelist McLean were largely attended, and closed on last Sabbath.

MR B. M. YEAGER has returned from Grafton. He saw Capt. Weir, who reports a permanent survey pointing to the source of the East Greenbrier Branch that may be finished up by the first of October.

MESSRS. Uriah Bird and Gilmer Sharp have threshed about seven thousand bushels up to date. They are now on Douthard's and Anthony's Creeks pushing their avocation with all due diligence.

MRS SALLY McLAUGHLIN is visiting her father, William Gibson, Esq., on Elk. The recent family reunion has been very pleasant indeed. They had not been all together for nineteen years.

PARTIES from Webster County have been buying first-class work-horses at fifty dollars a head in upper Pocahontas. One party realized forty dollars by a recent sale, and it is considered one of the best bargains that has recently been closed.

THE flag of the Union has greatly the precedence at the Lewisburg reunion, at a ratio of five to one. Twenty gross of "Old Glory" and four gross of the "Stars and Bars" were ordered for the occasion. After this let us have peace, until the next trouble arises.

THE parties on Brown's Creek seen by Mrs Peter McCarty last Sunday, week, are believed to have materialized, and the amount missing amounts to the nominal sum of fifteen cents. Detectives are referred to Mr Gilmer Sharp for a satisfactory clue to further investigation of this startling occurrence.

THE Greenbrier Presbytery is in session at Green Bank. On today (Friday) the ceremonies connected with the erection of the handsome monument over the grave of the late Rev. E. F. Alexander, who lies buried in the grove surrounding the church, will take place, and the largest concourse of people of the season is expected.

ALONG the beds of a number of our streams grow in thick beds the blue thistle that is such a terrible pest in Virginia. This is carried in by cattle, and will soon be a serious matter in some sections of the county. The beds of the forks of Elk, in that fine grazing country, are covered with it, it having such a hold in the rocks that it cannot be eradicated.

THE writer finds that sowing corn for ensilage is gradually coming into favor, and is especially useful where there is no convenient pasture lot. One person believes an acre of ensilage will go further than five or six acres of corn planted in the ordinary manner as a food producer. In one instance about one-third of an acre furnished all the food consumed by the plow horse most of the summer, and there will be some left to be cut and cured before frost.

FOR years much money wisely appropriated has been used in the locks and dams of the Great Kanawha River. When completed they will be of great use to the cities of the West, whose chief reliance for coal is the Pittsburgh region. Were these improvements completed, coal from Kanawha and regions adjacent could reach the markets several days earlier than from the Monongahela, where more than thirty millions of bushels are loaded in barges waiting for shipment to Cincinnati and other Western marts.

IN the Atlanta Constitution of September 17th a page is devoted to Mr R. P. Manley, of Dalton, Ga., who is so well known to the people of this county. A good cut of his face is presented and a short sketch of his life. He is spoken of as the most extensive jail builder in the South. The immediate cause of the article is his erecting a model county jail in the fair grounds of the Atlanta Exposition. The jail is something larger than ours, but is erected on the same plan. It is filled with persons who are willing to play the part of prisoners, and the object is to illustrate the marked improvement of the modern jails over the old ones. When we remember that the county jail is designed almost wholly to hold persons whom the law deems innocent, for trial, we see how important it is that they be detained in a manner which will be comfortable and healthy.

"You say it was a runaway match?"

"Partly. He tried to run away, but she brought him to time with threats of a breach of promise suit."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

ON the 7th, Mr A. D. Bruce started a message to England to a point nine miles from a station, and in five hours received an answer. Message and reply made the distance of seven thousand miles to and from Lewisburg.

ONE of the most significant and reliable indications of better times is furnished by the fact that the savings banks of the country at large report large amounts on deposit this year, while a year ago more money was withdrawn than was deposited.

MR JACOB SHARP, whose long illness has given his numerous friends so much solicitude, has been in more comfortable health for the past week or two. He has been out on the porch quite frequently and thinks the world never looked more beautiful, even if it is hot and parched.

HERE is a pointer for berry pickers. It may be a little late for this season, but if remembered may serve a good purpose hereafter: When reaching the patch be sure to throw the first berry found over your right shoulder if you want to fill your pail. If you should eat it you'd have no luck at all.

A PROMISING beginning has been made at Driftwood towards the erection of a church. A lot has been secured and a considerable amount subscribed in cash, labor, and material. In a sense the new church will be memorial of the late Rev. Alexander as it was among his last ministerial duties to assist in the organization of the Driftwood church.

WHILE many are wildly excited over the immense stock of goods arriving at P. Golden's, their excitement is still greater when they examine the goods and find out the low prices prevailing. They invariably load themselves down with bargains, and cause a ripple of excitement when they get home—so many goods for so little money.

IN taking depositions before a notary in this county a few days ago, the defendant in the suit was representing himself. A witness had been sworn who, being left-handed, had unconsciously held up his left hand when he was sworn. The defendant moved to have his deposition thrown out on this ground, holding that the Court should give no credence to a man who swore by holding up his left hand.

THE Yeager family of Pocahontas is interested in the report that there is a fortune in the banks of Hamburg, Germany, estimated at \$50,000,000, awaiting the American heirs of the Yeager family. There is a movement afoot among the members of the family in Tennessee to send an attorney to the Fatherland to investigate the matter. The American descendants have changed the name from "Yeager" to "Yeager." They are supposed to have descended from Benjamin Yeager, who settled in Virginia about the year 1700. The name has been in Pocahontas since before the formation of the county.

LAST Wednesday evening Mr James Hebben, the genial proprietor of a beautiful grazing farm near Mingo, gave a farewell bachelor dinner to his brother Englishmen. He leaves this week for Yorkshire, England, where he will be married shortly to Miss Foster. He will return with his bride to America in the near future. Mr Hebben's American friends congratulate him on his coming happiness, and wishing him a safe journey and speedy return, will welcome him and his bonny bride, who has chosen to make her home among the mountains of West Virginia.

AS was announced by our Green Bank correspondent last week, the evangelist, Rev. C. M. Howard has been conducting interesting evangelistic services at Liberty church. The attendance has been the largest ever known for so long a time, and the religious interest very apparent. Mr Howard has invitations to Huntersville and Marlinton and expects to visit these places as soon as soon as work closes at Liberty. Mr Howard is a native of the South, his early home being in St. Augustine. He has been an evangelist for about twenty-five years. He is a member of Montgomery Presbytery, the one to which Dr. R. H. Fleming belongs. Mr Howard attaches great importance to believing prayer, study of the Bible, and personal effort, as means of promoting the saving of souls. Wherever he has preached all denominations have been much benefited by his ministrations.

IN our last issue we failed to mention that George Gardner, the lunatic who escaped from the hospital, has been taken back to Weston.

THE ladies of Huntersville gave a most successful lawn fete last Saturday. The grounds were beautifully decorated. The amount cleared was about \$40.

THE *Tribune* (Cheyenne) says: The home of Mr and Mrs. Walter Yeager was blessed with a bright eyed boy last night. Walter is doing the cigar act today.

J. D. PULLINS, a Marlinton merchant, dropped his bill book filled with rare greenbacks and valuable papers down the town well the other day. It was safely fished out.

MISS ANNETTE LIGON is teaching near Clover Lick; Miss Sallie McLaughlin, at the Price school-house; Miss Verdine Clark at the Poage's Lane school; and Miss Maud Eskridge, the Driftwood school.

IT is gratifying to see the good work done on the roads from Pleasant Hill to Edray, and from the Levi Gay fields towards Hanson Auldridge's. These roads make the Flat Woods quite accessible, and reflect credit on their overseer.

WM. McCLURE and Newton Friel have procured a steam-thresher and are operating in the Poage Lane and upper Edray neighborhoods. Their former horse-power machine became disabled under rather mysterious circumstances a few nights since. Nothing improves like improvements.

AS WE GO TO PRESS we learn that Mr D. V. Ruckman, a native of this county, now residing at Long Glade, Augusta County, and Miss Lizzie Eagle, a cultured and refined daughter of one of the leading families of Doe Hill, were united in marriage yesterday, by Rev. Totten, of McDowell.—*Highland Recorder.*

ONCE a careless man went to the cellar and stuck the candle in what he thought was a keg of black sand. He sat near it drinking wine until the candle burned low. Nearer it got the black sand—nearer and nearer, until the blaze reached the black sand; and, as it was nothing but black sand, nothing happened.—*Ex.*

IT is considered a triumph of culinary skill when economy and relish can be combined. Such a result can be attained in what is called "apple float." Prepare a quart of stewed apples, and with it the beaten whites of two eggs, until it becomes foamy, and then season with sugar to taste. Larger amounts in similar proportions, an egg to a pint.

WHEN one observes how the fruit trees are burdened with small apples, where the frost did not blight the wonderful bloom in the spring, it reminds him that in a measure the frost was a blessing in disguise, to the trees that were relieved of their burden and permitted to flourish and gain strength for future use. Overburdened trees lose much of their vitality sometimes never to be recovered.

THE attendance from Pocahontas at the Confederate reunion this week is small. A small party started from Marlinton on Monday in eager expectation of the good time before them. The Pocahontas veterans were well mounted, and a question put to one of them by an idle bystander, who has never smelt powder, whether that was the horse he had ridden at the battle of Bull Run, was uncalled for. The mooted question concerning the respective merits of the cavalry and infantry was raised. It was then suggested by another near-to-do-well that the cavalry service was the more dangerous, for when a cavalry-man got drunk he would fall off his horse and perish, while the infantry-man could lie down to pleasant dreams. The soldiers rode off to the meet at Lewisburg, where they will fight the war over again, count gray hairs, and have a rare time generally.

### In the Big Timber.

(Webster Echo)

Samuel K. Given has purchased and is now felling some fine popular timber on the Bell lands, in Glade district. He recently felled a tree eight feet nine inches across the stump, and 59 feet to the first limb. The tree made five cuts, the top one being seven feet in diameter. Out of this tree will be sawed 12,000 feet of choice poplar lumber. On this tract of land there are one hundred trees that will average more than 3,000 feet of lumber each, and one hundred and seventy-five that will produce 2,000 feet of lumber each. This is merely a sample of the timber to be found in Webster.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Winters McNeel and Summers McNeel are in attendance at the University of Virginia, the former studying medicine and the latter law. Mr Fred Wallace has resumed his studies there in the law department.

Mr T. M. Hill was a business visitor to this office the other day. Mr S. W. Holt and wife are attending the Presbytery at Green Bank. From thence they will go to Elkins to be present at the dedication of the Davis Memorial Church, and then to Baltimore where Mr Holt will buy his fall and winter goods.

Messrs L. M. McClintic and W. McClintic are absent on a trip to Camden - on - the - Gauley. They went on horse-back through the mountains.

W. A. Bratton, Esq., has returned from a business trip to Bath. Messrs H. S. Rucker and S. B. Scott, Jr., were at Lobelia last Saturday taking depositions in the Rodgers di orce case.

Q. W. Poage, Esq., of Clover Lick, was in town Wednesday.

Mr E. I. Holt, of Academy, is now very ill from what is thought to be blood poisoning.

Jesse Warwick, of Green Bank, is very ill of typhoid fever.

### Incendiarism.

Last Monday night, about two o'clock, the three wheat and oat stacks belonging to Giles Sharp, on Jacob Sharp's farm, together with the thresher belonging to Bill McClure and Newton Friel, was discovered to be on fire, and the whole was destroyed.

There can be little or no doubt but that it was the work of an incendiary. The thresher had moved to the stacks the evening before, and had commenced to thresh. When the fire was discovered the threshing box was almost consumed, while the stacks had not been burning long. This makes it certain that some evil-minded person had set fire to the machine.

However the circumstance which fixes the fire as an incendiarism is the fact that McClure & Friel had their former horse-power machine visited a few nights since and some cogs knocked out leaving the machine useless. They then procured an engine, with the result that Tuesday morning they found their threshing-box and a farmer's crop in ashes. Hanging is too good for the scoundrel who kindled this fire.

At midnight Mr Giles Sharp went to the threshing place to put up some gaps, fearing that the hogs might get into a patch of potatoes. He looked the machine over. At two o'clock the fire was discovered, and a part of the oats saved. About 160 bushels of wheat and fifty bushels of oats were destroyed.

The injured parties have strong clews as to the identity of the guilty party, and are fast collecting evidence to make it hot for him also.

### GREEN BANK.

We are having very dry weather at this time, and water is getting scarcer, and everything is parching up. In a short time stock will have to be fed.

Miss Lillian Moffett, near Dunmore, is down with fever, but is convalescing. Dr. J. P. Moomau is attending her.

We are glad to say that Jesse Hughes, Robert Oliver, and J. Mc. Kerr, who are wrestling with typhoid fever, are getting along as well as could be expected, as they were very bad. Dr. Little attending physician.

J. D. Wilmouth is on the sicklist at this time, but not with fever.

Mrs Emma McClintic and children, of Beverly, were visiting in this vicinity from the 20th to the 26th instant.

Hon. H. A. Yeager and son, Paris, have been among their friends in this vicinity lately.

Rev. C. M. Howard, evangelist, assisted by Revs. H. W. McLaughlin, J. T. Maxwell, A. F. Hess, and C. C. Arbogast, is conducting a considerable revival meeting at Liberty Church. There have been about fifty penitents at the seat of prayer, and about ten have expressed hope by rising in the congregation. There was a larger congregation in attendance on last Sunday night than was ever in and about that church, and great interest pervaded that vast assemblage. It is a treat to listen to that man of God as he brings out things new and old from the Gospel.

### C. B. SWECKER, General Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent.

Isell Coal, Mineral and Timber Lands Farms and Town Lots a specialty. 21 years in the business. Correspondence solicited. Reference furnished. Postoffice—Dunmore, W. Va., or Alexander, W. Va.

### Graphite.

There can be little doubt but that the black metal we mentioned last week as having been found in various parts of the county and often mistaken for coal, is graphite or black lead from which lead pencils are made. It is of great value. The substance is found in the Green Bank district and at other places in the county in the upper coal measures. An account of the mineral is given by a standard work as follows:

Black lead, graphite, or plumbago, a mineral consisting chiefly of carbon, but containing also more or less of alumina, silica, lime, iron etc., to the extent of 1 to 47 per cent, apparently mixed rather than chemically combined. Black lead is the popular name, and that by which it is generally known in the arts; Graphite is that generally preferred by mineralogists. The name black lead, however, ought, perhaps, to be regarded as an unfortunate one, as no lead enters into the composition of the mineral. It sometimes occurs crystallised in short imbedded hexagonal prisms; but generally massive, and more or less radiated, foiled, scaly, or compact. It is of a grayish-black color, with a somewhat metallic lustre, and is perfectly opaque. It is greasy to the touch, and is a perfect conductor of electricity. It is found in primary and transition rocks, as in gneiss, mica slate, quartz-rock, greenstone, and clay-slate, and pretty abundantly in various parts of the world. It is much more incombustible than even anthracite (or blind coal), burning with much difficulty even before the blow-pipe, on which account it is much used for the manufacture of crucibles or melting pots which withstand great heat. These however are not made of mere black lead, but of black lead in powder mixed with half its weight of clay. Black lead is employed for making pencils. It is also extensively employed to give a black gloss to iron grates, stoves, railings, etc., and to diminish the friction of belts and other parts of machinery. It is also much used by electricians. Lately it has been suggested as a lubricating agent in the cartridges of rifles instead of lard or tallow.

ALAS they had been friends in youth; But whispering tongues can poison truth; And constancy lives in realms above; And life is thorny and youth is vain; And to be wroth with one we love, Doth work like madness in the brain.

Each spoke words of high disdain, And insult to his heart's dear brother, But never either found another To free the hollow heart from paining— They stood aloof the scars remaining, Like cliffs which have been rent asunder. A dreary sea now floats between, But neither heat, nor frost nor thunder Shall wholly do away, I ween, The mark of that which once had been.

—Coleridge.

### LOBELIA.

Warm and dry. Corn-cutting in full blast. Corn is good. Messrs. Sherman Clark and Henry McNeel passed through town yesterday on their way to the Knobs.

Jacob Moore, of Elk, was down after Mrs Moore, who has been here for two weeks waiting on her sister.

Mrs Susan Peck is better at this time, also Mrs Chris. Hill.

Mr Wanless and daughter of Back Alleghany, were in this section of late.

Some of the boys attended the picnic at Brushy Flat, in Greenbrier, last Saturday, and report a good time and good behavior. We must acknowledge that the citizens of our sister county keep better order than ours.

Thomas Smith is off to Ronceverte this week.

Alpheus Hill has built a new house on the Creek. We suppose he is fixing for a boarder!

Joseph Dean came in from Academy late Monday morning looking sleepy. Professor Anderson is teaching the mountain school. OBSERVER.

### For The Times.

"Dunraven." Ah! distinctly we remember, it was in the bright September, When the Briton, fierce and fiery, who had brought on the Valkyrie; Brought his boat and cast the anchor on this well-protected shore. Uncle Sam had heard the tapping, it had scarce disturbed his napping, "Twas old England, nothing more!" "A year ago I heard this tapping, but 'tis something louder than it has been heretofore!" Surely," said he, "surely, that is someone at my silver cup-board. Let me see what at there is then, and this mystery explore! Let my country slide a minute, and this mystery explore— Ah! I think its wind; nothing more."

Open then he flung the ocean, when with grave and graceful motion, In there sailed a proud Dunraven, of Dunraven house of yore; Not a great obeisance made he, not for long time stopped or staid he, But, with cheek of an O'Grady, cast his drag upon our shore, Only this nothing more.

Then this yellow bird beguiling our great yacht club into smiling By the grave and stern decorum of the countenance he wore! "The thy crest is in you haven, thou," they said, "art sure no craven, Proud and grim sportsman Dunraven, wandering from the English shore! Dost thou think to win the boat-race with this yacht and nothing more!"

Time passed, and the gay Defender made the British chances slender, Dunraven quit and uttered words he always will deplore: "I will quit your blawsted country," said he muttering, "Whether tempter sent or temptest loused me he here astored."

Desolate and all undaunted, with this country disenchanted, "On this shore by steamboats haunted There are ways to beat you hollow, if we'd only cheat some more." Quoth Dunraven, "Cheer some more!" "Be that word our sign of parting," Uncle Samuel shrieked, upstarting, "Get thee back across the ocean on to England's merry shore, Leave no dun plume as a token of that word thy soul has spoken; You have made a bust, and only that is what you can deplore. Get thee gone, returning never to this hospitable shore!"

Quoth Dunraven, "Evermore." S. A. P.

Lightning Hot Drops—What a Funny Name! Very True, but it Kills All Pain. Sold Everywhere, Every Day—Without Relief, There is No Pain!

### Notice to Trespassers.

All parties and persons are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, cut timber, or otherwise trespass on any lands owned by us or either of us in the counties of Randolph and Pocahontas, as we shall deal with all trespassers according to law.

Given under our hands this 13th day of September, A. D., 1895, Edward S. Dolph, Isaac P. Hand, Executors of Edward Dolph, deceased; A. H. Winton; Walter W. Winton; B. M. Winton; W. H. Winton; Eleanor J. Luey.

### Commissioner's Sale of Land.

PURSUANT to a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County on the 18th day of June, 1895, in the chancery cause of D. W. Sharp vs. Silas L. Barlow and other, the undersigned special commissioner will at the front door of the court-house of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on

Tuesday, October 15, 1895,

Proceed to sell, by way of public auction, to the highest bidder, the lands of the defendant, Silas L. Barlow, in the bill and proceedings mentioned, consisting of a tract of 45 acres situated near Edray, in said county. Said land is improved and has upon it comfortable buildings and a good orchard.

### TERMS OF SALE.

So much cash in hand as will pay costs of suit and expenses of sale, and on a credit of six and twelve months from the day of sale as to the residue of the purchase money, the purchaser giving a bond with good personal security to secure said deferred payments, and a lien to be retained on the land as ultimate security, L. M. McCLINTIC, Special Commissioner.

I, J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do certify that the above-named special commissioner has executed bond as required by the said decree in the said cause. J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

### NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

The undersigned Sheriff of Pocahontas County will be at the following named places and dates respectively for the purpose of collecting TAXES for the year 1895:

MARLINTON,	October 1, 2.
ACADEMY,	" 3, 4.
HUNTERSVILLE,	" 5.
FROST,	" 7.
DUNMORE,	" 8.
GREEN BANK,	" 9.
SPLIT ROCK,	" 10.

All parties meeting me at the above named places on the dates named, and paying their taxes in full, will be allowed a discount of 2 1/2 per cent. J. C. ABOGAST, S. P. C.